ST. LOUIS GETS THE CONVENTION.

Democratic National Committee Selects That City, Fixing Date at July 6.

SELECTION WAS A SURPRISE.

Was Apprehended that Chicago Would Be Subject to Influence Of a Strong Movement.

Washington, Jan. 12 .- The Democratic national committee today furnished a surprise, selecting St. Louis as the place for holding the national convention of 1904. The date fixed for the convention was Wednesday, July 6, at 11 o'clock. Previous to the meeting of the committee it seemed a foregone conclusion that Chicago would be selected, but political e sigencies entered into the situation and a majority of the committee voted for St. Louis. For some hours previous to the meeting of the committee there was talk in the corridors and among Democratic leaders that the convention in Chicago might be subject to the influence of a strong movement and a strong newspaper influence in favor of some par-ticular candidate. Mr. Knapp, editor of the St. Louis Republic, hinted at this in his speech by saying that the convention, if held in St. Louis, would be welcomed by an absolutely fair

State Senator McCaren and John Madigan presented the argument for New York. The payment of legitimate expenses of the convention was guaran-teed, although no specific sum was

St. Louis was advocated by Mayor Rolla Wells and Charles W. Knapp, editor of the St. Louis Republic. A written proposal was presented to the committee offering \$40,000 in cash and the free use of the Coliseum, a fire. proof building with a seating capacity of 15,000. The Business Men's league guaranteed hotel accommodations.

The financial proposal of Chicago was read. It contained a provision that

should the sum of \$45,000 not be ex-hausted in paying the legitimate expenses of the convention the balance should be returned; also that 3,000 tickets be placed at the disposal of the local

committee. There were cries for "James Hamilton Lewis."

Mr. Lewis declined, however, to respond, saying that the invitation of Chicago had been most satisfactorily At 4:25 the committee took a short recess and then went into executive

session, choosing St. Louis as the convention city, and fixing July 6 as the vention city, and fixing July 8 as the date for holding the convention.

There were two roll calls to select the city. On the first St. Louis received 23 votes, Chicago 20 and New York six. On the second ballot St. Louis received 23 and Chicago 21.

n of Col. J. M. Guffey of Pittsburg. G. Johnson of Kansas suggested June The June date was declared to be too early and likely to interfere with pri-

Chairman Jones appointed J. T. Mc-Graw of West Virginia, J. L. Elliston of Virginia, W. B. Bourley of New Jersey, J. M. Guffey of Pennsylvania, and Norman E. Mack of New York as the committee to consider the disputed committee to consider the disputed committee membership from the District of Columbia. To this committee was also referred the request of the Democratic central committee from Hawaii asking that a Mr. Wood be made the member from Hawaii, and also a request from the Democratic central committee of Porto Rico requesting permission to send six delegates the netional committee. gates to the national convention.

A resolution commending the St. Louis exposition and the proposed exposition at Portland, Or., to commem-orate the Lewis & Clark expedition to the Pacific coast was agreed to. The committee adjourned at 5:15 to meet at

The committee meeting covered con-siderable discussion of politics and the claims of various candidates were advocated by their partisans, but nothing like favoring any candidate appeared in

be committee proceedings.
William J. Bryan, when the commitwillam J. Bryan, when the commitles hal concluded its labors, appeared,
but his visit was without any apparent
political sign-ficance. He did not come
to the listel until after the committee
had nearly concluded its business. He
was warmly greeted by the members
of the committee, and invited a numter of them to call on him at his hotel
and held a conference with Chairman and held a conference with Chairman Jones at the Shoreham. Asked what he thought of the Panama situation, Mr Bryan said that he moved with deliberatten, and events occurred too rapidly it some quarters for him to keep pace with them. In answer to another ques-too he replied that it was yet too early to ou ine the issues for the coming

Mr. Bryan tonight took the train for the west, leaving several hours earlier than he expected to depart.

Five More Bodies Recovered.

Victoria. B. C., Jan. 12,-Two tugs with their flags at halfmast have arfived from a cruise in the straits with ive more bodies which were recovered this morning. The steamer Princess while on their way to New ister this morning found the a man which was turned over rader and brought to port.

other bodies were recovered in a tide rip between Race and Brotchie Ledge by the tug frace about 9 o'clock this morning. These have been identified at the local morgues as N. P. Shaw of Victoria, a prominent local business man, mine and ship owner; Miss Gill, who m San Francisco to testify at the Hopper-Dunsmuir will case now here; Harvey Sears, stevedore of the Cialiam, a brother of Capt. Sears, owner and master of the Iroquois which made an effectual search for the sinking vessel on the night she foundered, and Miss Minnie Murdoch of Seatth.

Japs Leaving for Home.

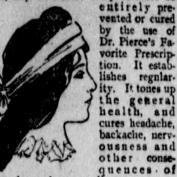
New York, Jan. 13.—The Japanese are leaving here and more than one hundred have left Dalny in one day, says a Herald dispatch from Port Arthur. The Russians regard the Japanese seizure of Mukh here and the Cartesians of Mukh here and the Cartesians and the Cartesians regard to the Cartesians regard regard to the Cartesians regard regard regard regard rega of Mukpho as probable, with the object of making Russia fire the first shot. The trains from Europe are crammed with troops. It is reported that unknown persons have tried to set fire to the coal stores at Harbin.

Free Educational Goods.

New York, Jan. 13.-By a decision of the United States genral appraisers, the privilege of entry free of duty has been extended to practically everything imported in good faith on the order and for the order and the order use of any educational instituexcept ordinary furniture. decision sustains eight protests made by a Chicago firm on the assessment of various rates of duty on a variety of articles imported for the use of schools and colleges. The firm claimed free

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entry for the articles under a disputed provision of the tariff law. In its opinion, the board lays down the rule that it is the duty of the cus-toms officers to ascertain first whether or not an article has been imported in good faith on the order of and for the use of an educational institution and not for sale, and this being estab-lished, to exercise the most generous liberality in determining what articles are entitled to free entry. The collector is not to admit ordinary furniture and equipment which is used alike in schools and commercial houses, but anything which can barely be classified as used in scientific or educational

J. R. Wilkins of Idaho Dead.

San Francisco, Jan. 13 .- J. R. Wilkins, a well known cattleman of Idaho and father of Miss Kitty C. Wilkins, the "Idaho Horse Queeen," has just died here. He was a native of Indiana 73 years old and came across the plains to this coast in 1853.

WILL SUE CHICAGO. Managers Want Damages for Close ing Their Theaters.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The Record-Herald It is expected that all the warships will leave Colon tomorrow for the purpose of making a demonstration along financial losses caused by the order which Building Commissioner Williams

issued Jan. 1, closing every theater in the city, will be brought by many of the managers and owners of plays whose engagements were booked in Chicago during the last two weeks. This statement is made by men who are in intimate touch with the local theatrical situation.
Since all of the managers are non-res-

idents, the cases will be taken before federal courts. The brief of the plain-tiffs will be based on documents, one, the license to conduct a place of amuse-ment, costing \$300, and which has in no case been revoked by the authorities, and the other, the certificate of inspechangs framed, near the main entrance of the down-town theaters, and which states, over the signature of Fire Mar-shal Musham, that the house is certi-fled to be safe as to fire protection.

Iroquois Doors as Evidence.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Evidence to be used against any person held to the grand jury has been obtained at the of the state's attorney's office.
Eight doors and one piece of drap-

ery were removed from the ruins and hauled to the criminal court building. Most of the doors bore evidence of having been locked. They are burned on but one side, and in a number of inon but one side, and in a number of in-stances the doors were forced open and the locks broken. The doors where the bodies of so many dead were found are among the pieces of evidence seized. Another piece if evidence is the drap-ery that concealed an exit on the first floor. Neither the door nor the drap-

J apanese Spies in Russia.

Liverpool, Jan. 12.—An interesting statement in connection with the strategic value of the Trans-Siberian railway was made today by Fulford Bush, a member of a British mercantile firm at Member of a British mercantile firm at Newchwang. Addressing the Liverpool chamber of commerce Mr. Bush, after covering the question of the light con-struction of the railway and the probability of the line being blocked if sub-jected to heavy military traffic, said that his own observations, coupled with trustworthy native information, con-vinced him that at least 200 Japanese military engineers, disguised as Chinese coolies, barbers and other menials, had already been distributed at points along the railroad and that it would not be a fortnight after the declaration of war before the line would be blown up

at a dozen places.

The chamber of commerce adopted a resolution urging the foreign office, in view of the great commercial interests involved, to take active steps in connection with Japan and other powers, to secure the fulfilment of the treaty obligations of China.

Seoul Legations Guarded.

Seoul, Jan. 12 .- The emperor of Corea has ordered the opening of Wiju, sub-ject to the acquiescence of China, by telegraph. The American, English, Russian, Italian and Japanese legations at Seoul are under guard. It is stated that sweeping changes will be made soon in the personnel of the Corean government favorable to Japanese interests.

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THE FIRST LESSON COLUMBIA MAY ATTACK PANAMA.

S. Naval Authorities Are Convinced from Reports Received That She Will.

HAS TROOPS AT TITUMATI.

Are Well Armed and Supplied With Ammunition and Have Four Guns.

Colon, Jan. 12 .- United States naval authorities here appear to be convinced, from the tenor of the reports which are continually brought in, that Colombia is determined to send an army to attack Panama.

The Panamaian authorities yesterday received official confirmation of the fact that the Colombian troops at Titumati number at least 4,000 men, under the command of Gens. Ortiz, Uribe-Uribe, Bustamente and Novo. These troops are well armed and supplied with ammunition, and have four guns, three steam launches and a large supply of cattle. The district is an unproductive one, and the provisions and other sup-plies which the troops possess have been brought to them from other places.

The government learned these facts from a reliable informant at Titumati, who contrives to send news of events from that distance to Colon by means of signals and trustworthy messen-

News has also been received that the Indian chief, Inanaquina, returned yes-terday to Carthegena to interview the Colombian officers regarding a request made by them for 300 Indian cayouces (small boats) to be used by the army at Titumati in crossing rivers.
Col. Villamil, who is now stationed

at Rio Mandinga, at the mouth of the San Blas bay, in command of 199 Panamaian soldiers, in a report sent in yesterday said he had no need of more troops. The colonel and he had already sent out scouts as far as Conception to the east and Culebra to the west, who have confirmed the belief that the mountain trails are so difficult that it would be an easy matter for the colonel's command to stop an army

A scouting party of United States marines has just left Colon on the steamer Herald for Nombre de Dios, from which place they will send a small boat to Mandikja with the object of undertaking a journey to the Dari of undertaking a journey to the Dari-en district, toward Tiburon. This expedition is likely to be absent for two or three weeks and on its return the naval authorities will have the fullest information obtainable regarding trails,

land an attacking force the moment in-formation reaches them that Colombian troops have crossed into Panama

There are no signs of a Colombian army in the vicinity of Panamaian territory on the Pacific. The outlook is apparently warlike.

Shores Disbarment Case.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 12.-The A. J. Shores disbarment proceedings were resumed in the district court today after postponement of six months. Atty. Shores is the leading counsel for the Amalgamated Copper company, and it is alleged he offered Judge E. W. Harney a bribe of \$250,000 to con-fess that he (Harney) had been bribed by F. Aug. Heinze into awarding to the latter the Minnie Healy mine .

J. A. BENSON CASE.

The Examination of Millionaire on Charge of Bribery Begins.

New York, Jan. 12.—The examination of John A. Benson, the California millionaire landowner, who was arrested in this city on Dec. 31, charged with having bribed Woodford A. Harlan, chief of the special service division of the land office, a federal official, was commenced today before United States Commissioner Shields.

The indictment returned against the accused and Frederick A. Hyde, of San Francisco, charges them with having obtained the title to school lands in California and Oregon by rraudulent means, and having later bribed the Washington officials to obtain secret information gathered by special agents of the land office concerning the alleged fraudulent entries. Under the laws of California and Oregon, citizens have a right to purchase school lands set aside by the federal government for that purpose, from the state, provid-ing the purchase is made for residence

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Miss M. L. Doyle, formerly clerks in the office of Mr. Hyde in San Fran-cisco, testified to methods of making out the applications for the lands and said that the applications were signed in blank and later filled out with the description of the desired lands. Miss Doyle was cross-examined by

Judge Campbell of San Francisco and admitted that it was the exception and not the rule to have the applications signed in blank, and she could recall only a few instances where this had been done. She also said that she could not say positively that the persons whose names were affixed to the affidavits did not appear before the notary because she was not personally there when the acknowledgements were

Woodford D. Harlan was called to the stand, but his testimony was not concluded, an adjournment being taken until Feb. 2, in order to give the de-fendant's counsel time to visit Sau Francisco and secure some documents in evidence.

Steamer Has a Hard Voyage. San Francisco, Jan. 12.—The steamer Centennial has arrived from Seattle 24 hours late, with some of the pilot house and the bulwarks on the port

The Centennial was in the terrible southeaster storm which overwhelmed the steamer Clallam in the San Juan de Fuca straits last Friday, and shipped through the roaring seas, not emerging from the southeaster until Destruction island was abeam.

Out of the southeaster the steamer almost immediately ran into a westerly gale that kept her company as far as the Columbia river. Cessation of this tremendous storm was scarcely noted before another screeching southeaster pounced upon the Centennial and threatened to tear her to pieces. For 16 hours this last and most terrible of storms continued, and all the passengers were kept below.

At the height of the storm a wave

mounted the pilot house and went clear through it, carrying stout boards and glass away and endangering the man at the wheel. Water forced its way into many of the rooms. As a farewell touch the galloping breakers tore away a portion of the bulwarks near the

BACON RESOLUTION.

Favors Negotiation With Colombia For Conclusion of Treaty

Washington, Jan. 12 .- Following is the full text of the resolution introduced in the senate today by Mr. Ba-'Resolved by the senate, That the

president be respectfully informed that

tion, of a treaty with the republic of Colombia, to the end that there may be peacefully and satisfactorily determined and adjusted all differences between the United States and the republic of Colombia growing out of the recent revolution in Panama and the consequent secession of Panama from Colombia, and the alleged aid and assistance by the land and naval powers of the United States in the successful accomplishment of said revolution and secession, through the alleged forcible prevention by said lan dor naval forces of the assertion and maintenance by Colombia of her sovereignty and authority in Panama; and that full and complete compensation may be made by the United States to the republic of Panama for the loss of her sovereignty and property rights in Panama, so far as the same may be shown to be due to any act of the United States through the land or naval forces of the same.
"Resolved, further, That the president be respectfully informed that if it should prove to be impracticable for the United States and the republic of Panama to agree through a convention upon the question of the said alleged responsibility on the part of the United States, or upon the question of the amount of compensation to be made when such responsibility shall be established, the senate in that case favors and advises the negotiations, with a view to its ratification of a treaty with the republic of Colombia submitting to the permanent court of arbitra-tio nat The Hague, or to some other tribunal to be agreed upon, for impar-tial arbitrament and peaceful deter-mination, all questions between the United States and the republic of Co-lombia growing out of the matters here-in recited." in recited."

Old Monitors to be Sold. Washington, Jan. 12.—An order has been issued by the secretary of the navy and improvement and not for sale. The two defendants are charged with having secured applications for the purchase of the lands from citizens for small sums, giving them to understand they were merely selling their right to purchase lands.

The government had in attendance a number of witnesses from Washington and California. Walter F. Stack and

LONG DEBATE ON PANAMA QUESTION.

Senate Puts in Five Hours Discussing Arbitration of Colombia's Claims.

SENATOR BACON PRECIPITATED IT

Introduced a Resolution on the Subject-House Also Indulged in Debate on Matter.

Washington, Jan. 12 .- For over five hours today the senate debated the Panama question, and it was still under consideration when the senate adjourned. The discussion arose over a resolution looking to the arbitration of Colombia's claims on account of the Panama revolution. It was introduced early in the day by Mr. Bacon and was met promptly by a motion on the part of Mr. Lodge to table it. This motion aroused the feeling of senators on the Democratic side, who construed the motion as intended to cut off debate, and said they would debate the Panama question on some other resolution if not on this. Finally Mr. Lodge consented to withhold his motion, and discussion proceeded throughout the day with the understanding that it should be renewed again tomorrow.

Republican senators in their speeches referred to the resolution as a confession of wrong on the part of the United States and expressed the opinion that any agitation of the question at this time would give undue encouragement to the people of Colombia and misrep-resent the attitude of this country. Mr. Bacon disavowed any such intention and said that he accepted the revolution as an accomplished fact.

A ready response to this pronounce-ment came from Mr. Hale, and during the course of the debate he and Mr. Bacon practically agreed on a declaration which Mr. Hale intimated that h would offer tomorrow in the Other Republican senators indicated an unwillingness to accept any measure looking to an interference with execu-tive negotiations, while the Democratic senators also intimated objections on ther grounds. The speakers of the day were Sena-

tors Bacon, Spooner, Teller, Carmack, Lodge, Aldrich, Platt of Connecticut, Hale, Foraker and Cullom.

DEBATE IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 12 .- The house today for more than five hours considered the legislative, executive and ju-dicial appropriation bill, but reached no conclusions on it. A variety of topics, including Panama and the tathe senate favors and advises the ne- riff. were discussed during the se of the debate... Mr. Adams (Rep., Pa.), in referring to the dinner recently given in New York City at which Mr. Olney spoke made reference to the result of the recent New York municipal contest as a victory won by catering to those who desire free license in rum and immorality.

This statement was resented by Mr. Fitzgerald (Dem., N. Y.), in a vigorous

When the item in the bill providing for the expenses of the civil service commission was reached Mr. Hepburn (Rep., Ia.), took occasion to express his opposition to the civil service sys-tem as it now exists and expressed a desire to amend the bill by striking out the paragraph providing for the exof the civil service was pending when the house adjourned.



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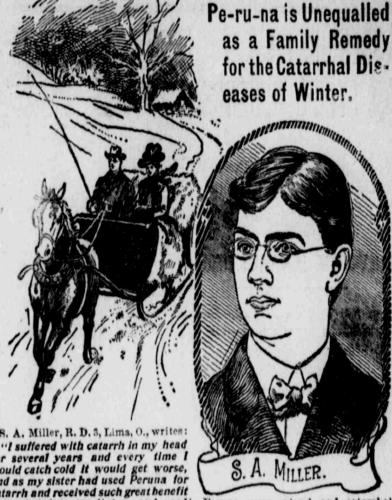
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